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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1092 crashes as compared to 1,205 crashes in March 2008. The total crashes decreased by 9.4% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities decreased by 2 resulting in a 50 % decrease. Of the 43 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 5 resulted in injuries. The remaining 38 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.9% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.2% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1116 crash reports in March. This resulted in 2,752 crash reports being mailed out, a reduction of 54.4% when compared to March 2008. There were 1097 visitors, requesting police services at the Front Office, which was an increase of 4.2 % when compared to March 2008.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 27,025 CAD incidents and 33,288 telephone calls. CAD incidents are attributable to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in the overall traffic enforcement by 34.6% in March 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008. DUI arrests from crashes were down 16.4% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by 12.4% as compared to last year. Total arrests were up 5.0 % compared to last year.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 75.0 % and its other citations by 68.1 % as compared to last March. The number of Safety Inspections Increased by 45.4 % compared to last year. This resulted in 134 vehicles and 80 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

Effective 4-1-09 Major Kevin Tice accepted a transfer, returning to the Nevada Highway Patrol. Major Tice spent the last 3 ½ years as the Southern Command Deputy Chief for the Parole and Probation Division. He began his career with the NHP in 1988. Major Pat Gallagher has accepted a transfer back to Central Command – Elko. He spent 2 years with the Southern Command.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	March-09	March-08	% Change	February-09	% Change
Total crashes	1092	1205	-9.4%	918	19.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	799	891	-10.3%	707	13.0%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	291	310	-6.1%	208	39.9%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	4	-50.0%	3	-33.3%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	46	55	-16.4%	37	24.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	5	-40.0%	4	-25.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	1	0 %
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0%	0	0 %
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0%	1	0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	2	-200.0%	0	0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	43	49	-12.2%	27	59.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	38	46	-17.4%	23	65.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	2	150.0%	4	25.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	0	0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.2%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.2%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 33.3%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.9%
- ✱ Total crashes down 9.4 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 12.2% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 50.0 % from last year.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	March-09		March-08	% Change		February-09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	46		55	-16.4 %		37	24.3 %
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	181		161	12.4 %		158	14.6 %
Other arrests	907		1626	-44.2 %		810	12.0 %
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	417		397	5.0 %		353	18.1 %
Speed violations	5023		4019	25.0 %		3363	49.4 %
Hazardous moving violations	2382		2192	8.7 %		1818	31.0 %
Occupant restraint violations * ##	706		651	8.4 %		410	72.2 %
Total violations [above violations included]	15935		11843	34.6 %		11160	42.8 %
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	119		68	75.0 %		111	7.2 %
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	385		229	68.1 %		514	-25.1 %
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	868		597	45.4 %		528	64.4 %
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	4		5	-20.0 %		0	400.0 %
Total safety violations -- citation	506		262	93.1 %		421	20.2 %
Total safety violations -- repair order	2334		1184	97.1 %		1503	55.3 %
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	134		82	63.4 %		83	61.4 %
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	80		37	116.2 %		65	23.1 %
Total school buses inspected	384		361	6.4 %		296	29.7 %
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	55		62	-11.3 %		34	61.8 %
Total trucks weighed	1423		1328	7.2 %		1129	26.0 %
Total overweight citations	12		18	- 33.3 %		3	300.0 %
Total dyed fuel inspections	668		586	14.0 %		472	41.5 %
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0%		0	0 %

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		18		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		7		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		29		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		3		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		6		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.13 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32.25 years old.
- ✱ 0.0% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 14 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	March-2009		March- 2008	% Change		February-2009	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	357,792		317,965	12.5%		305,682	17.0%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,641,034		1,377,364	19.1%		1,349,804	21.6%
CAD Incidents	27,025		23607	14.5%		22,135	22.1%
Telephone Calls	33288		35004	-4.9%		32,717	1.7%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	Elec. Issue		68	No Value		38	No Value
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1,116		1,203	-7.2%		993	12.4%
Arrest Reports Processed	383		357	7.3%		349	9.7%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	21		19	10.5%		9	133.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	116		129	-10.1%		100	16.0%
Visitors at Counter	1,097		1,053	4.2%		796	37.8%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	2,752		6,033	-54.4%		2,639	4.3%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	947		782	21.1%		779	21.6%
Warrants Entered	110		458	-76.0%		58	89.7%
Warrants Cleared	244		544	-55.1%		215	13.5%
Warrants Validated	3,265		1,419	130.1%		2,548	28.1%
Extradition / Transports	18		9	100.0%		25	-28.0%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	88		59	49.2%		65	35.4%
New Items Submitted	197		125	57.6%		125	57.6%
Items Disposed	16		9	77.8%		4	300.0%

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 64.48 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 30.46 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 5.08 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 11 Contracts using 1544.59 hours, billed in the amount of \$104,756.71

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
981	12	89	33	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
939	631	39	95	79	16

Community service appearances: (Total 1)

Schools:

- Desert Oasis HS (13 classes)
- Centennial HS (10 classes)
- Clark HS (4 classes)
- Rancho HS (1 class)
- UNLV
- Roy Martin MS
- Dean Allen MS

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (Total 41)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman’s Course
- IR 15 Blasting wrap up Meeting
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- Phone conference with Michigan Traffic Research Institute
- Speedway Children’s Charity Event
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- DUI press event with STOP DUI Nevada
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Driver’s Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD and event
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- SHSP Communicators Workshop

March 2009  
Flight Operations  
Southern Command

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*Nevada Highway Patrol Flight Operations*  
Sergeant/Pilot Tony Sabino

## Overview

### Content:

Flight operations summary

The Southern Command Aircraft flew 9 missions accounting for 36.6 total flight hours. Refer below for a brief description of activity.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
6	20.4	56	Speed Enforcement
2	10.1	28	In State Prisoner Transports
1	3.3	9	Prisoner Extradition to Burbank, CA.
1	2.7	7	Training- IFR Certification -AIR 3
1	.1		Oil Change- 25 hours break-in

A new online format for enforcement scheduling was implemented this month. There has been an increase in total enforcement missions and participation between the urban and rural squads as a result.

Four prisoners were transported with the aircraft. One prisoner was extradited back to Nevada from California. The subject was wanted on felony drug trafficking charges. Three others, were flown to Tonopah and Elko on local misdemeanor charges.

March 30, the southern command pilot along with Trooper Lujan flew commercially to Harrisburg, PA to extradite a prisoner back to Nevada. The individual was wanted on felony charges for transporting a controlled substance.

The pilot also attended two conferences during the month. The first conference was on counterterrorism training and the second was on recognizing the warning signs of youth suicide.

Eight enforcement missions were scheduled with the aircraft. Adverse weather and a gear pump failure cancelled two of those missions.

As a result, six flown enforcement missions yielded 194 enforcement actions with one arrest. Refer to the table below for a brief description of activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	164
Hazardous	5
Non-Hazardous	23
Seatbelts	2

Out top clock was 104mph, a blue Pontiac traveling in a 70 mph zone near Sloan on I-15. However, a gray Ford 150 pickup near Lone Mountain on the northern beltway was stopped for 101 in a posted 55 mph area on March 4.

On March 19, the northern command pilot completed his instrument currency training in Las Vegas while the southern command pilot acted as his safety pilot.